

Hampton Roads Medical Scholars Institute Newsletter

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The mission of the Hampton Roads Medical Scholars Institute is to assist black males from Hampton Roads to successfully matriculate into medical school. In order to address the black male physician crisis, we concentrate our efforts to bridge the gap in health provider disparities nationwide by starting at home. We are committed to provide our scholars with the tools and resources to prepare them not only to become physicians, but also leaders in the community. Our goal is to assist 31 scholars successfully enter medical school by 2031.

2021 Scholar highlight:



Avery Christian Byrum

“I was interested in medicine because I would like to be a role model for young African American children who don’t see doctors or dentist of their ethnicity often. This program has benefited me in multiple ways from better my course selection, advice on my courses and how to improve in them, as well as timing advice for internships and other dental school requirements”.

City: Virginia Beach

College: James Madison University

Major: Biology

Minor: Pre-Dentistry

Hobbies: Baseball, Basketball and working out.